

# Mental Patient Data for Fiscal Year 1955

ON THE BASIS of summary data submitted to the National Institute of Mental Health of the Public Health Service by the various State mental hospital systems for fiscal year 1955, figures in basic categories show a substantial increase over the year before.

Item	1954	1955	Per- centage in- crease
First admissions..	121, 430	123, 771	1. 9
Readmissions.....	50, 252	55, 158	9. 8
Discharges.....	115, 796	118, 532	2. 4
Deaths in hospitals..	42, 652	44, 488	4. 3
Resident patients at end of year..	553, 979	560, 576	1. 2
Personnel em- ployed full time at end of year..	138, 053	145, 032	5. 1
Maintenance ex- penditures:			
Total.....	\$569,490,492	\$622,603,423	9. 3
Average per capita.....	\$1, 038. 62	\$1, 119. 06	7. 7

Heretofore there has been a considerable time lag in publishing mental health statistics. Since data are needed on an up-to-date basis, public mental hospitals were asked on recommendation of mental hospital statisticians in their fifth annual conference, May 1955, to provide certain basic figures after the close of each

year: first admissions, readmissions, total discharges from the hospitals and deaths in the hospitals during the year; average daily resident population; resident patients and total personnel employed full time at the end of the year; and total maintenance expenditures for patients.

The National Institute of Mental Health made the survey in October 1955.

It was realized that final and complete data might not be available because of variation in reporting procedures and fiscal year-ending dates. Therefore, the hospitals were requested, if the answers to any or all of the items were unknown at the time of the survey, to enter their best estimates. However, some hospitals found it impossible either to report any estimate for a given item or to report at all. Since these data were to provide some measure of the extent of hospitalization in State and county hospitals for mental disease and the psychopathic hospitals, the institute attempted to provide rough estimates of the missing data. This was done in one of three ways:

1. If one or two requested items were not available and all other items were supplied, estimates of the missing 1955 data were made by extrapolation, using the 1953 and 1954 census figures.

2. If some hospitals within the State reported and some did not, the 1954 data from the census of mental patients were used for hospitals not reporting.

3. If no report was made for a State in the survey, the 1954 census data were used.

The table shows figures for each State and the type of estimation procedure used.

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# Special report on mental patients in public hospitals for mental disease, fiscal 1955

State	First admissions	Readmissions	Discharges	Deaths in hospital	Resident patients, end of year	Average daily resident patient population	Total full-time personnel, end of year	Maintenance expenditures	
								Total	Per capita <sup>1</sup>
Totals.....	123, 771	55, 158	118, 532	44, 488	560, 576	556, 364	145, 032	\$622, 603, 423	\$1, 119. 06
Alabama.....	<sup>2</sup> 1, 417	<sup>2</sup> 625	<sup>2</sup> 1, 131	<sup>2</sup> 428	<sup>2</sup> 7, 209	<sup>2</sup> 7, 151	<sup>2</sup> 1, 212	<sup>3</sup> 4, 778, 285	668. 20
Arizona.....	680	265	1, 074	156	1, 690	1, 701	504	2, 086, 106	1, 226. 40
Arkansas.....	1, 600	686	1, 900	338	5, 086	5, 017	1, 398	4, 528, 186	902. 57
California.....	<sup>2</sup> 12, 064	<sup>2</sup> 5, 455	<sup>2</sup> 14, 153	<sup>2</sup> 2, 836	<sup>2</sup> 37, 317	<sup>2</sup> 36, 497	<sup>2</sup> 9, 343	<sup>2</sup> 44, 825, 771	1, 228. 20
Colorado.....	1, 207	400	1, 292	518	5, 720	5, 714	1, 876	7, 316, 692	1, 280. 49
Connecticut.....	2, 418	1, 436	3, 103	955	8, 694	8, 958	2, 968	<sup>4</sup> 14, 108, 591	1, 574. 97
Delaware.....	<sup>2</sup> 660	<sup>2</sup> 304	<sup>2</sup> 674	<sup>2</sup> 202	<sup>2</sup> 1, 808	<sup>2</sup> 1, 762	<sup>2</sup> 686	<sup>2</sup> 2, 459, 573	1, 395. 90
District of Columbia.....	1, 022	327	748	502	7, 285	7, 216	2, 563	13, 634, 554	1, 889. 49
Florida.....	1, 748	474	200	514	8, 026	7, 912	2, 046	6, 971, 537	881. 13
Georgia.....	2, 878	684	2, 480	858	11, 701	11, 582	1, 926	9, 639, 192	832. 26
Idaho.....	713	383	891	124	1, 211	1, 260	327	1, 426, 063	1, 131. 80
Illinois.....	8, 290	4, 703	9, 669	3, 509	37, 883	38, 001	8, 405	37, 715, 662	992. 49
Indiana.....	2, 822	1, 237	2, 214	759	11, 120	10, 765	3, 668	13, 513, 547	1, 255. 32
Iowa.....	1, 500	1, 186	2, 048	473	5, 251	5, 395	1, 774	6, 273, 756	1, 162. 88
Kansas.....	1, 040	474	1, 046	288	4, 420	4, 462	2, 090	7, 660, 225	1, 716. 77
Kentucky.....	1, 396	1, 002	1, 719	593	7, 700	7, 689	1, 497	5, 026, 937	653. 78
Louisiana.....	2, 081	696	1, 909	424	8, 290	8, 184	1, 883	5, 926, 021	724. 10
Maine.....	534	264	504	258	2, 996	2, 983	800	3, 198, 821	1, 072. 35
Maryland.....	<sup>2</sup> 2, 387	<sup>2</sup> 1, 053	<sup>2</sup> 2, 452	<sup>2</sup> 720	<sup>2</sup> 9, 599	<sup>2</sup> 9, 511	<sup>2</sup> 2, 580	<sup>2</sup> 11, 279, 506	1, 185. 94
Massachusetts.....	6, 515	1, 951	6, 224	2, 393	23, 302	23, 195	7, 119	32, 396, 007	1, 396. 68
Michigan.....	3, 142	1, 486	2, 519	1, 451	21, 788	21, 441	6, 261	32, 023, 989	1, 493. 59
Minnesota.....	2, 915	1, 464	3, 025	1, 002	11, 449	11, 524	2, 862	12, 688, 145	1, 101. 02
Mississippi.....	1, 905	1, 560	2, 406	346	5, 295	5, 296	1, 381	3, 856, 231	728. 14
Missouri.....	1, 346	475	1, 283	692	12, 046	12, 092	2, 857	10, 661, 817	881. 72
Montana.....	<sup>3</sup> 618	<sup>3</sup> 160	<sup>3</sup> 584	<sup>3</sup> 198	<sup>3</sup> 1, 958	<sup>3</sup> 1, 942	<sup>3</sup> 446	<sup>3</sup> 1, 800, 898	927. 34
Nebraska.....	963	881	709	411	4, 826	4, 806	1, 800	5, 511, 654	1, 146. 83
Nevada.....	207	30	173	47	440	429	91	474, 819	1, 106. 80
New Hampshire.....	666	274	623	274	2, 720	2, 703	861	3, 572, 007	1, 321. 50
New Jersey.....	5, 089	2, 068	4, 277	2, 502	22, 262	22, 257	7, 455	28, 389, 142	1, 275. 52
New Mexico.....	439	458	850	97	1, 067	1, 087	412	1, 378, 817	1, 268. 46
New York.....	16, 371	5, 996	10, 163	8, 160	96, 729	95, 890	24, 305	118, 761, 495	1, 238. 52
North Carolina.....	2, 301	965	2, 522	445	10, 788	9, 913	2, 733	10, 074, 051	1, 016. 25
North Dakota.....	541	236	340	127	1, 993	2, 022	461	1, 939, 268	959. 08
Ohio.....	7, 191	2, 987	7, 682	2, 044	28, 663	28, 367	7, 453	29, 562, 280	1, 042. 14
Oklahoma.....	1, 239	860	1, 273	520	8, 014	7, 919	2, 068	6, 584, 482	831. 48
Oregon.....	1, 991	828	1, 992	530	4, 906	4, 818	1, 264	5, 107, 050	1, 059. 99
Pennsylvania.....	5, 499	2, 209	3, 639	2, 813	40, 920	40, 448	10, 721	44, 753, 492	1, 106. 45
Rhode Island.....	898	488	909	400	3, 442	3, 422	790	3, 199, 733	935. 05
South Carolina.....	1, 727	556	1, 594	382	6, 038	5, 966	1, 245	4, 764, 533	798. 61
South Dakota.....	<sup>3</sup> 430	<sup>3</sup> 198	<sup>3</sup> 643	<sup>3</sup> 152	<sup>3</sup> 1, 595	<sup>3</sup> 1, 696	<sup>3</sup> 473	<sup>3</sup> 1, 521, 821	897. 30
Tennessee.....	1, 885	1, 197	2, 300	537	8, 370	8, 531	1, 244	4, 992, 914	585. 27
Texas.....	3, 835	1, 437	4, 220	976	16, 445	16, 466	3, 637	14, 917, 354	905. 95
Utah.....	<sup>3</sup> 308	<sup>3</sup> 113	<sup>3</sup> 258	<sup>3</sup> 106	<sup>3</sup> 1, 359	<sup>3</sup> 1, 342	<sup>3</sup> 380	<sup>3</sup> 1, 384, 322	1, 031. 54
Vermont.....	348	167	374	125	1, 294	1, 290	343	1, 387, 096	1, 075. 27
Virginia.....	2, 276	1, 510	2, 290	813	11, 303	11, 067	2, 442	9, 257, 022	836. 45
Washington.....	1, 591	771	1, 682	743	7, 361	7, 496	1, 823	7, 827, 415	1, 044. 21
West Virginia.....	<sup>2</sup> 1, 701	<sup>2</sup> 677	<sup>2</sup> 1, 736	<sup>2</sup> 399	<sup>2</sup> 5, 545	<sup>2</sup> 5, 495	<sup>2</sup> 1, 054	<sup>2</sup> 3, 667, 045	667. 34
Wisconsin.....	3, 194	1, 407	2, 864	1, 270	15, 013	15, 036	3, 364	17, 208, 599	1, 144. 49
Wyoming.....	<sup>3</sup> 183	<sup>3</sup> 95	<sup>3</sup> 171	<sup>3</sup> 78	<sup>3</sup> 639	<sup>3</sup> 648	<sup>3</sup> 141	<sup>3</sup> 570, 900	881. 02

<sup>1</sup> Per capita maintenance expenditure was computed by dividing total maintenance expenditure by the average daily resident patient population in each State.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated by using data reported in the 1954 census of mental patients for those hospitals not supplying the special survey data for 1955 and using the 1955 survey data for those hospitals which did report.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated by using data reported for the 1954 census of mental patients since the hospitals in the State did not report in the special survey for 1955.

<sup>4</sup> Estimated by applying, where required, the percentage change reported for similar data in the 1953 and 1954 census of mental patients to the 1954 figure since the hospitals in the State concerned did not supply the item requested.

NOTE: These data are provisional and subject to change. Public hospitals include the State and county hospitals for mental disease and the psychopathic hospitals.